to the State, unless the provisions of this act are complied with.

SEC. 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 21st day of December, A. D. 1874.

CHAPTER LI.

AN ACT CONCERNING LOST OR DESTROYED RECORDS.

Orders of old Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions legalized. Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact, That in addition to the eighteenth section of chapter fourteen, of Battle's Revisal, it shall be presumed that any order or record of the old courts of pleas and quarter sessions, which was made and has been lost or destroyed, was made by a legally constituted court, and the requisite number of justices, without naming said justices.

SEC. 2. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 21st day of December, A. D. 1874.

CHAPTER LIL

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE MISAPPLICATION OF THE BONDS, SE-CURITIES AND OTHER PROPERTY AND EFFECTS OF THE STATE.

Embezzlement of State property how punished.

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Corolina do enact, That any officer, agent or employee of the State, or other person having or holding in trust for the same, any bond or bonds issued by said State, or any security or securities or other property and effects of the same, who shall